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Phillip J. Ireland, et al.

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Sir:

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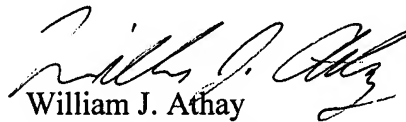
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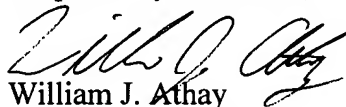
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the following statements, if any, required variously by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

X Form PTO-1449 listing one (1) reference submitted for consideration.

X Copies of one (1) of the reference listed on the Form PTO-1449.

B. Additional Materials Required Due to Timing of Filing of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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X Prior to the later of either three (3) months following the filing date or the mailing of a first Office Action. Accordingly, no materials other than those listed above are enclosed.

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Dated this 29th day of January 2003.

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